

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 20, and add new claim 21. Amend claims 1, 10-12, and 17, as set forth below:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A walker and a tray in combination, comprising:

a first pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the first pair of legs;

a second pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a second upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second pair of legs;

at least one strut connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs;

a connector configured to selectively retain the tray in one of

a primary position, such that first and second upper connecting bars support the tray; and,

a secondary position, such that the tray is in a plane generally parallel to the first pair of legs; wherein,

a first edge of the tray cantileverly extends outwardly from the walker and forms a first ledge extending from the walker when the tray is in the primary position, and a second edge of the tray cantileverly extends outwardly from the walker and forms a second ledge extending from the walker when the tray is in the primary position, and wherein,

~~the first edge being larger than a second ledge formed by a second edge of the tray that extends outwardly from the walker by a distance greater than the second edge~~
when the tray is in the primary position.

2. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, the connector being positioned on a lower surface of the tray and configured to grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in one of the primary position or the secondary position.

3. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 2, further comprising:
a first lower connecting bar extending between the first pair of legs; and,
a second connector on the lower surface of the tray and positioned to grip the first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position.

4. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 2, further comprising:
a second connector on the lower surface of the tray and positioned to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

5. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, wherein the connector comprises at least one biasable claw configured to releasably grip the walker.

6. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, wherein the tray is polymethyl methacrylate.

7. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 1, further comprising
a first handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the first pair of spaced-apart legs; and,

a second handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the second pair of spaced apart legs.

8. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 7, wherein the first and second handlebars cooperate to limit movement of the tray in a direction generally parallel to the first and second upper connecting bars when the tray is in the primary position.

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10 (TWICE AMENDED). A method of providing a removable tray to a walker, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first pair of spaced-apart legs;

connecting the first pair of spaced apart legs to one another by a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the first pair of legs;

providing a second pair of spaced-apart legs;

connecting the second pair of legs to one another by a second upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second pair of legs;

connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs by at least one strut;

configuring ~~the~~ a tray to be selectively connectable to the walker in one of

a primary position, wherein the first and second upper connecting bars support the tray; or,

a secondary position, wherein the tray is secured to the walker in a generally parallel relation with each of the first pair of legs; and,

configuring the tray so that a first edge extends cantileverly past a plane containing each of the first pair of legs when the tray is in the primary position, thereby forming a first ledge extending outwardly from the walker;

configuring the tray so that a second edge extends past a plane containing each of the second pair of legs when the tray is in the primary position, thereby forming a second ledge extending outwardly from the walker; and,

creating the first ledge to cantileverly extend outwardly from the walker a distance greater ~~be larger~~ than the second ledge when the tray is in the primary position.

11. (AMENDED) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of providing a lower connecting bar connecting the first pair of legs; and positioning a first connector on a lower surface of the tray; configuring the first connector to grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in any one of the primary position or the secondary position; and, positioning a second connector on a lower surface of the tray; and configuring the second connector to grip the first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position.

12. (AMENDED) The method as in claim 10, further including the steps of securing a first connector to a lower surface of the tray in a location adjacent to a lateral edge of the tray; and, configuring the first connector to grip the first upper connecting bar; securing a second connector to a lower surface of the tray; positioning the second connector to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of selecting biasable claws to serve as connectors that are configured to grip respective portions of the walker.

14. (ORIGINAL) The method as in Claim 10, further comprising the steps of
positioning a first handlebar to extend upwardly from an upper end of at least one
of the first pair of spaced-apart legs;

positioning a second handlebar to extend upwardly from an upper end of at least
one of the second pair of spaced apart legs; and,

cooperatively configuring the respective handlebars and the tray so the
handlebars limit movement in a direction parallel to the first and second upper
connecting bars when the tray is in the primary position.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of
removing the tray from the walker.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of making
the tray out of polymethyl methacralate.

17. (TWICE AMENDED) A walker and tray combination, comprising:
a tray;

a first pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by

a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent
an upper end of each of the first pair of legs, and

a first lower connecting bar extending between respective points
intermediate opposing ends of each leg of the first pair of legs; and,

a second pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a second upper
connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second
pair of legs;

at least one strut connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs;

a first connector on a lower surface of the tray and configured to

grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in a primary position

such that the first and second connecting bars support the tray, and

grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in a secondary position

such that the connectors retain the tray in a plane generally parallel to each of the first pair of legs; and,

a second connector on a lower surface of the tray and configured to grip the first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position;

a first handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the first pair of spaced-apart legs; and,

a second handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the second pair of spaced apart legs; wherein,

the tray is positioned on the first and second connecting bars and beneath the first and second handlebars and a first edge of the tray cantileverly extends to form a first ledge extending outwardly from a plane containing the first pair of legs, and a second edge of the tray cantileverly extends to form a second ledge extending outwardly from a plane containing the second pair of legs when in the primary position; and,

wherein,

the first ledge ~~is larger~~ extends cantileverly outward from the walker by a distance greater than the second ledge; and,

the first and second handlebars cooperate to limit movement of the tray in a direction generally parallel to the first and second upper connecting bars.

18. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 17, further comprising a third connector positioned on a lower surface of the tray and configured to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

19. (ORIGINAL) The walker and tray combination as in claim 18, wherein, the first lower connecting bar and the second upper connecting bar are equidistant from the first upper connecting bar; and wherein, the second connector is configured to grip the second upper connecting bar when the tray is in the primary position.

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21. (NEW) A removable tray for a walker having a first pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a first upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the first pair of legs; and a first lower connecting bar extending between respective points intermediate opposing ends of each leg of the first pair of legs; and a second pair of spaced-apart legs connected to one another by a second upper connecting bar extending between respective points adjacent an upper end of each of the second pair of legs; at least one strut connecting the first pair of legs to the second pair of legs; a first handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the first pair of spaced-apart legs; and a second handlebar extending upwardly from an upper end of at least one of the second pair of spaced apart legs, the removable tray comprising:

a first connector on a lower surface of the tray and configured to

grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in a primary position

such that the first and second connecting bars support the tray, and

grip the first upper connecting bar when the tray is in a secondary position such that the connectors retain the tray in a plane generally parallel to each of the first pair of legs; and,

a second connector on a lower surface of the tray and configured to grip the first lower connecting bar when the tray is in the secondary position; wherein,

the tray is positioned on the first and second upper connecting bars and beneath the first and second handlebars and a first edge of the tray cantileverly extends to form a first ledge extending outwardly from a plane containing the first pair of legs, and a second edge of the tray cantileverly extends to form a second ledge extending outwardly from a plane containing the second pair of legs when in the primary position; and,

wherein,

the first ledge extends cantileverly outward from the walker by a distance greater than the second ledge; and,

the first and second handlebars cooperate to limit movement of the tray in a direction generally parallel to the first and second upper connecting bars.